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SUBJECT: OKINAWA OCEAN EXPOSITION 1975

PERSONAL FOR USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH FROM ASST SECY INGERSOLL

EMBASSY PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO KEOGH:

1. I MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR THOUGHTFUL MEMORANDUM OF JANUARY 10 TO ME ON EXPO '75. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT, GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO US PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '75, WE WILL CONTINUE TO LEND ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO YOU IN GAINING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR BOTH AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION.

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2. WE HAVE ALSO REVIEWED VERY CRITICAL INTERIM FUNDING PROBLEMS RAISED IN YOUR MEMORANDUM BOTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH DEFENSE AND OMB. BASED PRINCIPALLY ON CAREFUL OMB CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES, CONCLUSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) DEFENSE FUNDING WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR TWO REASONS, FIRST, AUTHORIZATION TO DRAW FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE IS VERY DOUBTFUL, AND, SECOND, FULBRIGHT WOULD RAISE MAJOR OBJECTIONS AND MIGHT INDEED BLOCK AUTHORIZATION;

B) STATE FUNDING, EITHER FROM CU OR OUR CONTINGENCY FUNDS, IS NOT REPEAT NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF LACK OF AUTHORIZATION AND ANTICIPATED MAJOR CONGRESSIONAL OBJECTIONS;

C) OMB AGREES THAT USIA FUNDING FROM EXHIBITS PROGRAM IMPOSSIBLE FOR REASONS STATED IN YOUR MEMORANDUM;

D) OMB SUGGESTS AS BEST AND, IN FACT, ONLY COURSE OF ACTION USIA FUNDING OF 370,000 DOLLARS FROM S&E BUDGET WITH PAY-BACK FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION. OMB VIEW IS THAT YOU HAVE BOTH FLEXIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO TAKE THIS ACTION.

3. WE ALL REALIZE THAT YOUR S&E FUNDS VERY TIGHT AND THAT APPROPRIATION COMMITTEES WOULD HAVE TO BE FULLY CONSULTED BEFORE S&E FUNDS UTILIZED. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE RISK THAT S&E PAY-BACK MAY NOT COME THROUGH. NEVERTHELESS, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD AGREE TO FOLLOW THIS COURSE OF ACTION, SINCE ALTERNATIVE IS TO SCRATCH OUR PARTICIPATION IN EXPO '75 WHICH OBVIOUSLY WOULD NOT BE IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST OR TO DELAY PARTICIPATION AND OPEN US EXHIBIT LATE, WHICH WOULD ALSO NULLIFY TO LARGE EXTENT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR OBJECTIVES IN PARTICIPATING IN EXPO '75.

4. WHILE WE WILL BOTH BE TRAVELING OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS AND VISITING SEOUL CONCURRENTLY IN LATE JANUARY, I HOPE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND URGE THAT YOU COME TO FAVORABLE DECISION ON THIS MATTER BEFORE THEN. YOU HAVE MY EVERY ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL GIVE USIA THE FULLEST SUPPORT, IF YOU AGREE TO GO THIS ROUTE.

5. BEST WISHES. RUSH

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